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In the Works

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93rd Annual City/County Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony Features Two Local Talents with National Ties and MPS Middle School Choirs

The 93rd Annual City/County Tree Lighting ceremony took place on November 16th in Red Arrow Park. The ceremony was emceed by John McGivern, a local actor with national ties, and included Mayor Tom Barrett, Alderman Joe Dudzik, Sue Black, Milwaukee County Parks, Dasha Young, County Executive's Office and the tree donor, Ms. Barbara Jakopac.

The 38-foot Colorado Blue Spruce was harvested on November 8th from the yard of Ms. Barbara Jakopac, and was planted in the mid-80's. The tree survived two summers of drought and a car crash. Ms. Jakopac's tree had been on the list for the City/County Christmas tree for three years. She said that she was sad to see the tree go, but it was literally taking over her yard as well as her neighbor's yard. The tree provided shelter and food for the animals in the area and she decorated the tree as long as she could reach the top of it. Jakopac invited Ben Yahola to perform an American Indian ceremony for the removal of the tree. Yahola asked for forgiveness for taking the tree and acknowledged its life. Jakopac said that she hope the tree made people feel a sense of peace during the time that it stood in Red Arrow Park.



Mayor Barrett, tree donor Barbara Jakopac and Alderman Joe Dudzik stand behind the tree before it takes off for Red Arrow Park.



The City/County Christmas tree harvest team consisted of, from left to right, Jeff Boeder, Forestry Area Manager; Durondee Anderson, Urban Forestry Specialist; John Bauer, Urban Forestry Specialist; Steve Heebfh, Urban Forestry Crew Leader; Chris Kling, Urban Forestry Crew Leader; Randy Krouse, Urban Forestry Manager and Art Batchelor, Urban Forestry Manager. Not pictured are John Trojanowski, Urban Forestry Specialist and Malvin Nichols, Urban Forestry Crew Leader.

The harvesting of the tree was a very intricate procedure. For the tree to be selected, it had to be located in an area where there weren't any overhanging wires. A special truck had to be acquired for the crane which picked up the tree and placed it on the 40-foot flat-bed. Steve Heebfh has been harvesting the tree for a number of years. He is responsible to getting under the tree and preparing it for the removal and he does it without the use of a mask, branches scratching his face.

The experienced and qualified crew from DPW's Forestry Section planned the route after the tree was selected to make sure the route did not contain any other overhead obstacles, such as utility wires and low underpasses. Jeff Boeder, Forestry Area Manager; Durondee Anderson, Urban Forestry Specialist; John Bauer, Urban Forestry Specialist; Steve Heebfh, Urban Forestry Crew Leader; Chris Kling, Urban Forestry Crew Leader; Randy Krouse, Urban Forestry Manager; Art Batchelor, Urban Forestry Manager; John Trojanowski, Urban Forestry Specialist, and Malvin Nichols, Urban Forestry Crew Leader, perform the hazardous task of removing the tree and installing it in Red Arrow Park.

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Program Will Provide Additional Funding for Boulevard Beautification

Mayor Tom Barrett, Department of Public Works & Spirit of Milwaukee Unveils Boulevard Signage Sponsored by the Milwaukee Brewers



The first Gateway sign was unveiled near General Mitchell Field and has the Milwaukee Brewers logo on along with the Milwaukee Art Museum's iconic Calatrava Brise Soleil. The City receives a guaranteed 33 percent from all Gateway signage sales and proceeds will provide funding for the beautification of Milwaukee's highly regarded boulevards.

The first of four informational gateway landmarks was unveiled on September 28th at 5311 South Howell Avenue, near General Mitchell Field featuring the Milwaukee Brewers logo and the Milwaukee Art Museum's Calatrava-designed brise soleil. This was the first installation of the public/private signage initiative of the Milwaukee Gateway Signage Program. The program is a collaboration between the City of Milwaukee and the Spirit of Milwaukee with the City providing the signage locations on boulevards or City-owned land.

Gateway Signage will inform and welcome those traveling into and through the City of Milwaukee. The signs are three sided and backlit, they will be placed at high profile locations throughout the City.

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As the first to sign on as a sponsor, Milwaukee Brewers Executive Vice President of Baseball Operations Rick

Schlesinger was part of the event along with Mayor Tom Barrett, Dean Amhaus, from the Spirit of Milwaukee, Alderman Terry Witkowski (who represents the area) and Preston Cole, Environmental Services Superintendent, Department of Public Works. Schlesinger stated, "We are proud to have Milwaukee Brewers Baseball represented in the very first phase of this project. It is a natural fit for our organization and others that have a significant presence in the City of Milwaukee. With the placement of this signage at the airport, we look forward to welcoming guests and returning residents with this symbol of civic pride and a reminder that they are now in Brewers country".

Mayor Barrett stated, "This program pays for the signage, but it also provides for some funding directed to boulevard maintenance and greening. We have over 120 miles of boulevards in Milwaukee that beautify our neighborhoods and transportation corridors, but caring for them is challenging due to budget constraints. This creative program will earmark funding to our boulevard programs without adding further burden on the taxpayers."

The City, along with program partner Spirit of Milwaukee announced the program in May 2006 when the four sponsors, the Milwaukee Brewers, We Energies, Funjet Vacations/Mark Travel and Marcus Hotels/Marcus Theaters, each agreed to purchase a \$50,000 to \$65,000 sign. The street architecture/markers were designed by Triad Creative and range between 8 and 20 feet in height to accommodate different locations.

Department of Public Works' Commissioner Jeff Mantes, Director of Operations Jim Purko, Timothy E. Hoeksema, CEO of Midwest Airlines and Chair of the Spirit of Milwaukee, Vice President of Community Relations for the Milwaukee Brewers Lynn Sprangers, President and CEO of Visit Milwaukee Doug Neilsen and others were on hand for the historic occasion.



Alderman Terry Witkowski, at the podium, has been working with area businesses to create an environment that welcomes visitors into the City of Milwaukee. Behind him from left to right are Vice President of Milwaukee Brewers Operations Rick Schlesinger, Spirit of Milwaukee Executive Director Dean Amhaus, Mayor Tom Barrett and DPW Environmental Services Superintendent Preston Cole.



Milwaukee Brewers Executive Vice President of Baseball Operations Rick Schlesinger, at the podium, thanks the City for the opportunity to be a part of the Gateway signage program. Behind him left to right are Alderman Terry Witkowski, Mayor Tom Barrett, Preston Cole, DPW Environmental Service Superintendent and Dean Amhaus, Spirit of Milwaukee.

City of Milwaukee Ranked #1 in the Nation for Collecting Plastic Bottles in “Return the Warmth” Campaign

The “Return the Warmth” program was a recycling challenge started on March 1, 2006 by Sam’s Club, Aquafina, and Keep America Beautiful to remove and recycle 30,000,000 plastic bottles from Sam’s Club communities across the country. Keep Greater Milwaukee Beautiful (KGMB), seven MPS schools, and two surrounding communities **ranked first in the nation** in collecting bottles. Each school received a \$1,000 gift card from Sam’s Club and KGMB received \$9,000 (\$1,000 per school). Five thousand fleece jackets were distributed to area youth. The jackets were distributed to the winning schools and the remaining jackets were used as an incentive for Milwaukee residents to get their children immunized.

On November 16, Mayor Tom Barrett acknowledged those schools that participated in the campaign at Brown Street Academy, one of the schools that participated. Principal Larry Williams graciously opened the school’s cafeteria for a press event that included all the winning schools, the national sponsors and the local officials that made participation possible. Mayor Barrett reported that a total of 172,551 pounds of plastic bottles were collected, placing Milwaukee first in the nation and in the top fifty cities around the country. The 5,000 fleece jackets were made from PET, recycled plastic bottles.

The City of Milwaukee and surrounding communities through their affiliation with KGMB accepted the challenge to participate in the “Return the Warmth” with incentives from Sam’s Club and Aquafina (Pepsi Cola). The schools also had help from Milwaukee Fire Department’s Ladder 10 and Engine 18, acting as collection points, Miller Park, who donated their plastic bottles, and the Department of Public Works’ Environmental Services who assisted with transportation of the bottles.



Mayor Barrett was amazed by the “magic” of turning plastic bottles into a warm fleece jacket.

Joe Wilson, Executive Director of KGMB, said, “We are delighted with the results of the “Return the Warmth” program. Milwaukee area students learned a valuable lesson in helping preserve the environment through plastic bottle recycling while earning a reward for their school and the community”. Keep Greater Milwaukee Beautiful’s mission is

“to create sustainable communities through clean, healthy neighborhoods for generations to come”.

Because of Milwaukee’s ranking of being the number one plastic bottle collector in the nation, representatives of two of the national sponsors’ representatives were on hand to congratulate the winning schools, Keep America Beautiful Vice President, and Managing Director of Great American



Due to Milwaukee’s ranking as the number one plastic bottle collector, two of the national sponsors, local officials of City government and KGMB’s Board were present. Left to right, Chief William Wentlandt, Milwaukee Fire Department, Lori Perricelli, Customer Marketing Manager, Pepsi Cola, North America, Mayor Tom Barrett, Vivian Chen, Health Department Deputy Commissioner, Gail Cunningham, Vice President of Keep America Beautiful and Managing Director of Great American Clean Up, Joe Wilson, Executive Director, Keep Greater Milwaukee Beautiful, Jim Purko, Department of Public Works Operations Director, Jerry Chudzik, President of the KGMB Board and Jeff Mantes, Department of Public Works Commissioner.

Clean Up, Gail Cunningham and Customer Marketing Manager of Pepsi Cola North America (Aquafina) Lori Perricelli. City officials whose Departments were key in the participation were also on hand to congratulate the winning schools; they included Department of Public Works’ Commissioner Jeff Mantes, Health Department Deputy Commissioner Vivian Chen, Milwaukee Fire Chief William Wentlandt, DPW Director of Operations Jim Purko, and KGMB Board President Jerry Chudzik.

All of the winning schools were on hand to receive their congratulations and Sam’s Club gift cards from Mayor Tom Barrett and the national sponsors. The participating schools were Academy of Learning & Leadership, Granville School (Dr. A. Fletcher Elementary), Hales Corners Lutheran School, Hawley Environmental School, Early View Academy of Excellence, Waukesha Headstart, Messmer Catholic Preparatory School, Brown Street Academy, and John Muir Middle School.



Early View Academy receives their \$1,000 gift card with Mayor Tom Barrett and Gail Cunningham, Vice President of Keep America Beautiful and Managing Director of Great America. The school collected 15,697 pounds of plastic bottles.

Department of Public Works 2006 Highlights

January

New household hazardous waste facility opened at the City's Self-Help Center at 3879 West Lincoln Avenue. This was a Metropolitan Milwaukee Sewerage District and City of Milwaukee partnership.

Department of Public Works received the Mayor's Urban Design Award for three projects, the Sixth Street Bridge, the Boothe Street Stairs, and the Marsupial Bridge. The purpose of the award is to recognize projects that respect the urban fabric and contributes to the character of its surroundings and adds value to the neighborhood.

February

Environmental Services Division's recycling program honored the tops schools that participated in the Cans for Cash Recycling Challenge. Ten schools received recycling magic shows and the top three schools received cash prizes. They were Hawley Environmental School, \$500; Northwest Lutheran School, \$250, and Resurrection Christian Academy, \$100. The City of Milwaukee received \$5,000 for collecting the most cans in a city of its size for the second year in a row.

March

Governor Doyle signed bill AB240, now Act 185 that allows a municipality to ticket and tow any unregistered vehicle parked in the public right-of-way. The legislation was requested due to the proliferation of unregistered vehicles parked on city streets.

The long awaited completion of the Canal Street Project, from 25th Street to Miller Park Way, occurred with great fanfare. Several organizations participated in the ribbon cutting ceremony. The Canal Street Project provides critical infrastructure to serve existing industries and facilitates the redevelopment of the Menomonee Valley.

April

The City celebrated the 41st Arbor Day Program with Potawatomi Bingo Casino and Menomonee Valley Partners (MVP). The public private partnership demonstrated the common concern that the City, Potawatomi Bingo Casino and MVP have the environment of the Valley.

May

The Milwaukee Water Works celebrated its 135th Anniversary with a press conference in City Hall which was well attended by members of the Common Council and staff of MWW. A display was set up in the rotunda with historical data on the how the Milwaukee Water Works has evolved over the years.

As part of National Public Works Week, Mayor Barrett, Common Council President Willie Hines, Alderman Willie Wade, DPW Commissioner Jeff Mantes, Department of City Development Deputy Commissioner Martha Brown and others who contributed to the success of the new DPW Field Headquarters, participated in a program and ribbon cutting

ceremony on May 25th. It is a 230,000-square-foot facility that houses Street Maintenance, Sewer Maintenance, Milwaukee Water Works distribution facilities, their 24-hour Control Center, sections of the Operations Division such as Building Maintenance, Carpentry, and a satellite Equipment Repair Shop. Approximately 480 employees are located there.

June

Mayor Tom Barrett and Common Council President Willie Hines helped the Department to unveiled 286-CITY. 286-CITY is a single access telephone number for all City services and information. Utilizing the City's state-of-the-art telephone system and current resources the City designed the 286-CITY at no cost to the taxpayer.

July

The StreetShare initiative was announced in July by Mayor Barrett and City Engineer Jeff Polenske. The program is designed to improve the safety and comfort of pedestrians by educating motorists about the laws that require them to follow the law. The Milwaukee Police Department, Milwaukee Downtown, Milwaukee County Transit, and several other agencies partnered with the City on the program.

August

Commissioner Jeff Mantes participated in the "Downtown Employee Appreciation Week" activities by agreeing to sit in a dunk tank located in Red Arrow Park. Numerous DPW employees took turns trying to dunk the Commissioner and several were successful. The dunk tank was one of several events held to show employees who work downtown how appreciated they were. Other events include free lunch for more than 1,000 people, the world's largest coffee break (free coffee), volleyball competition and office challenge games.

Information on the City's "Green Festivals" program was shared at Irish Fest by Mayor Barrett, Commissioner Mantes, Summerfest and Irish Fest officials. DPW's Recycling Manager Rick Meyers worked with the operations and grounds staff at Summerfest in designing and implementing a plastic bottle recycling program which was continued until the end of the festival season. The total amount of recyclables collected from the City's festivals was 38,233 pounds.

September

The Milwaukee Brewers, Mayor Tom Barrett, Spirit of Milwaukee, and Visit Milwaukee were on hand for the unveiling of the first of four informational gateway signs. The sign was unveiled on a boulevard at 5311 South Howell Avenue near the entrance of General Mitchell Field. The sign features the Milwaukee Brewers logo and Milwaukee Art Museum's Calatrava-designed brise soleil. The City receives a guaranteed percentage of 33% from each Gateway signage sale and the proceeds provide dedicated funding for the beautification of the boulevards.

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John McGivern, (at podium) a popular local actor served as the master of ceremonies at the 93rd City/County Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony. Behind him are characters from The Rep's "A Christmas Carol" and Mayor Barrett.



There was a huge crowd in Red Arrow Park to witness the lighting of the City/County Christmas Tree. Several city workers, elected officials and department heads were in attendance.



Joe Puerta, Grammy award winner, entertained the crowd with his new holiday classic "I'm Coming Home for Christmas". Puerta is the co-founder the band Ambrosia and Bruce Hornsby and The Range.

Christmas Tree Lighting

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Once the tree arrives at Red Arrow Park, it is a very highly coordinated task to remove the tree from the flatbed, using a crane, and drop it into the prepared area. Once the tree is in the area, it remains attached by cables until the crew can anchor it to the ground.

Greening Milwaukee's Executive Director Joe Wilson and Department of Public Works' staff coordinated the City/County Tree Lighting Ceremony. This year's program was emceed by John McGivern, a local actor with national ties. McGivern has performed with several local acting companies and has received rave reviews. He also had a

part in the movie, "The Princess Diaries". The crowd was treated to a performance by Joe Puerta, Grammy award winner, co-founder of the rock group Ambrosia, and formerly of Bruce Hornsby and The Range. Puerta had recently recorded a new holiday classic "I'm Coming Home for Christmas", which he performed at the ceremony. The Roosevelt Middle School of the Arts Choir performed prior to the ceremony, and the Lincoln Center for the Arts School Choir rounded out the program activities. Costumed members of The Rep's production of "A Christmas Carol", added additional ambience to the event and the Starbucks Cheer Patrol dispensed hot drinks.

Thanks to Jeff Boeder, Forestry Area Manager for contributing to the article and to Joe Wilson, Cindy Haetrl and Barbara Jakopac for the photos.

DPW 2006 Highlights

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October

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation approved the City's application for a Transportation Enhancements project at the intersection of West Forest Home Avenue, West Oklahoma Avenue, and South 43rd Street. This intersection connects three high volume arterial roadways at various angles, which makes pedestrian travel difficult. Pedestrian traffic is important at this intersection because of the proximity of Jackson Park, Manitoba Elementary School, and the business district along West Forest Home Avenue and West Oklahoma Avenue. The project may include curb extensions, widened sidewalks, improved traffic signals, and high visibility crosswalk treatments.

November

The City of Milwaukee ranked number one in the nation for collecting plastic bottles in the "Return to Warmth" campaign. During the collection period 172,551 pounds of plastic was collected. A press event was held at Brown Street

Academy to honor those nine Milwaukee area schools that participated. The recycling challenge was coordinated by Keep Greater Milwaukee Beautiful. Each school received a \$1,000 gift card from Sam's Club and fleece jackets made from PET, recycled plastic bottles.

The City/County Christmas Tree Lighting was held in Red Arrow Park. The event featured Mayor Tom Barrett, Alderman Joe Dudzik and tree donor Barbara Jakopac. Nationally recognized local actor/comedian John McGivern served as master of ceremonies and Grammy-award winning musician Joe Puerta performed for the crowd.

December

The first day of December brought a 10-inch blizzard to the City of Milwaukee. The blizzard/storm had been forecasted, and the Department held a press conference to answer media questions regarding the preparations for the event. For the first time in 10 years Milwaukee Public Schools closed, along with numerous other institutions and businesses. The wind and snow combination produced white-out conditions which made it extremely difficult for motorists to see. The Department had 288 pieces of equipment out on the streets at one point to keep up with the snow as it fell.

2006 Special Event Report

The Department of Public Works' Special Events Office processed 1,064 permits for the public-right-of-way in 2006. This included 32 permits for banners to promote special events, business districts, schools and welcome conventions. Fourteen permits were issued for marches; one of them was for the *Voces de la Frontera* organization that sponsored, "A Day Without Latinos" which was held on March 23rd. The estimates for the march ranged from 30,000 to 50,000 participants. The march made the national news.

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2006 Special Event Permits Issued

Bike Races	7
Block Parties	397
Festivals	55
Filming	25
Marches	14
Miscellaneous Events	236
Nighttime Trick-or-Treat Events	18
Parades/Processions	68
Parking Events	172
Runs/Walks	40
Street Poles (<i>Banners, Flags, Holiday Decorations</i>)	32
Total	1,064

DPW Equipment	Total	Fees
Sanitation		
Barricades	8,982	\$27,678
Garbage Carts	58	1,350
Dumpsters	123	7,380
Snow Fence	106	1,484
Roll Off Boxes	14	1,820
DPW Administration		
Meter Hoods	9,806	86,319
Infrastructure		
Traffic Control Plan		\$5,580
Traffic Signs	5,135	73,712
Street Poles (<i>Banners, Flags, Holiday Decorations</i>)	737	5,925
Miscellaneous		845
Police		
Class A Events	26	52,120
Class B Events	22	9,200
Class C Events	41	4,510
Class D Events	978	0
Total		\$277,923

Total Permits Issued: 2006 = 1,064; 2005 = 1,062

Total Permit Fees: 2006 = \$277,923; 2005 = \$265,922

2006 DPW Special Event Permits Issued

Aldermanic District	Bike Races	Block Parties	Festivals	Filming	Marches	Misc. Events	Nighttime Trick-or-Treat	Parades/ Processions	Parking Events	Runs/ Walks	Street Poles	Total
District 1	0	17	3	0	1	8	0	5	1	1	1	37
District 2	0	8	0	0	0	8	0	0	1	0	0	17
District 3	1	42	6	2	0	16	2	6	13	6	7	101
District 4	2	9	20	15	7	79	1	14	153	17	9	326
District 5	0	37	0	0	0	1	0	3	0	5	0	46
District 6	2	55	3	0	0	25	1	2	1	2	4	95
District 7	0	31	1	0	3	8	0	2	0	1	1	47
District 8	0	21	4	1	0	13	4	4	1	1	0	49
District 9	0	6	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	10
District 10	0	61	1	0	1	10	1	3	0	3	2	82
District 11	0	10	4	0	0	3	2	2	0	0	0	21
District 12	0	9	5	4	1	19	0	8	0	0	3	49
District 13	0	6	1	0	0	6	4	6	1	0	3	27
District 14	2	21	5	2	0	9	2	7	0	1	2	51
District 15	0	64	1	1	1	31	1	4	1	2	0	106
Totals	7	397	55	25	14	236	18	68	172	40	32	1,064

Kudos to...

Steve Brengosz, Engineering Technician V, **Mark Gremmer**, Mechanical Engineer III, and **Karl Rohrbach**, Civil Engineer II, formed their own informal Bike-to-Work challenge in the Water Engineering section of the Milwaukee Water Works. It started in 2005 when Brengosz and Gremmer worked together at the Howard Avenue Plant. In 2006 they decided that the winner would be rewarded with lunch at their choice of establishment. In 2006 the prospect of a lunch on a co-worker drove the riders to improve their mileage by more than 30%, Brengosz biked 3,207 miles, Gremmer biked 3,166 miles and Rohrbach,



a little over 300 miles. Rohrbach started late in the game last year so his numbers were low. The group has already started biking as the weather has allowed in 2007. They are looking for others in the Milwaukee water Works to join them and think other departments might want to start their own challenge. The participants said that biking to work not only saved money on gas but is also a great way to keep physically fit!



Mark Gremmer and Steve Brengosz of the Water Engineering section of the Milwaukee Water Works formed their own Bike-to-Work challenge. The two biked a total of 6,373 miles in 2006. Not pictured is Karl Rohrbach.

Gina Santiago, promoted to Safety Specialist (Sanitation), last summer. Santiago was a Personnel Payroll Assistant III when she saw the promotional transfer for the position. She said she was inspired because of "the challenge and learning new things". She also felt the position would offer an opportunity to "broaden (her) independent work skills and utilize all (of the) administrative skills and experiences gained within various departments of the City and previous occupations". To prepare for the position, Santiago said that she made sure to have a firm understanding of what the job demanded. She then matched up her skills with the ones needed for the position and determined that she would be a good candidate. When she was asked 'what you have learned about yourself since being in the position', Gina replied, "I enjoy interacting with my fellow employees, working in the field and assisting employees, whether it's an administrative question or safety concerns". Her plans for the future include reversing the negative mind set of employees about safety and advancing to a position in upper management in the Department of Public Works.



Gina Santiago

If you or someone in your area has made a major accomplishment, did a good deed or volunteers for a special project that you think is worthy of being recognized for, please send me an email or fax. Share the good news!

KUDOS: A word meaning glory, praise or credit.

2006 Special Event Report

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In 2006 40 walk/runs were held in the City of Milwaukee. The events are sometimes fund raisers for very worthy causes, such as 2006 March of Dimes Walk America; MS Walk; Making Strides Against Breast Cancer; Next Door Foundation; Black Health Coalition of Wisconsin's African American Health Walk; Strides for Lupus; United Negro College Fund; Sprint for Spina Bifida; Make-a-Wish Walk and Run; Al's Memorial Run/Walk for Children's Hospital; the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure and Dylan's Run for Autism. Many organizations rely on these events to not only raise funds for cures, but to also raise awareness of the diseases or causes.

There were 24 permits issued for the filming of commercials, and 1 for an independent movie. Some of the permits were for catalogs for Harley-Davidson products, a couple for the Wisconsin Lottery and Potawatomi Bingo and two national commercials for Miller Brewing. The commercials provide the rest of the country great 'snapshots' of the city's neighborhoods and lakefront.

Several permits are issued without cost; they are considered 'civic events'. They include the Veterans Day Parade; Memorial Day parade; neighborhood 4th of July parades and any school parade.

Neighborhood festivals provide an opportunity for business districts and community organizations to get exposure for their neighborhoods. The larger festivals are RiverSplash, which showcases the Milwaukee Riverwalk and adjacent businesses; Bastille Days, held in East Town, around Cathedral Square; Bay View Bash, held along Kinnickinnic Avenue; Summer Solstice, held on the lower east side; Summer Sizzle in the Historic Third Ward, and Garfield Street Days, held on Garfield Street between King Drive and 7th Street. Many of the festivals feature businesses in their areas and local vendors.

The Special Event staff meets with the organizers of the larger events and the aldermen of the area where the event is held. It is important to make sure that the events do not have a negative impact on the residents and businesses. In addition, the Milwaukee Police Department, Milwaukee County Transit and sometimes the Milwaukee County Sheriff Department are involved in the planning process to make sure the events are successful, and more importantly safe.

PEOPLE IN THE WORKS

Administrative Services

Promotions

Sandra Cartensen, Accounting Assistant II
Jo-Anne Lessing, Program Assistant III
Charlene Pena, Accounting Assistant II
Henriette S. Haase, Accounting Program Assistant II,
Parking

Infrastructure Services Division

Promotions

Ruby Boggans, Street Repair Supervisor, Street Repair
Francis O. Lawal, Civil Engineer III, Underground
Jason P. Rembalski, Electrical Worker, Electrical Services

Retirements

James Love, Special Laborer, Electrical Services
Robert C. Miller, Engineering Drafting Technician II,
Underground

Operations Division

New Hires

Jay Bach, Urban Forestry Specialist Trainee
Derek De Weese, Urban Forestry Specialist Trainee
Patrick S. Frederick, Urban Forestry Specialist Trainee
Daniel W. Johnson, Urban Forestry Specialist Trainee
George P. Lazarz, Urban Forestry Specialist Trainee
Bobby R. Nichols, Urban Forestry Specialist Trainee
Christopher Riley, Urban Forestry Specialist Trainee
David Sivyer, Forestry Services Manager
Aaron P. Stein, Urban Forestry Specialist Trainee
Eric Toth, Urban Forestry Specialist Trainee

Promotions

David K. Awe, Urban Forestry Specialist Trainee
Michael I. Rzepkowski, Urban Forestry Specialist Trainee

Transfer

Edith J. Greene, Program Assistant II, Facilities
(from Election Commission)
Jeffrey Watkins, Custodial Worker II, Facilities
(from Health Department)

Retirements

Walter Chambliss, Fleet Repair Supervisor II, Fleet
Services
Jack R. Cooper, Operations Driver/Worker, Fleet
Services
Gerald E. Keyes, Operations Driver/Worker, Fleet
Services
David D. Merriweather, Operations Driver/Worker,
Fleet Services
John H. Rayford, Custodial Worker II, Facilities
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Bill P. Vinci, Vehicles Services Technician, Fleet Services
Howard P. Voelz, Tire Repair Worker II, Fleet Services

Milwaukee Water Works

New Hire

Adam F. Wickersham, Network Coordinator-Senior

Promotions

David A. Bohne, Senior Water Treatment Plant Operator
Chad Schuster, Water Distribution Repair Worker II

Retirement

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